

HEPBURN CHALLENGES CONTRACTORS SNOW REMOVAL PRESIDENT ANNOUNCES "UNALTERABLE" DECISION ON WAGE DEMANDS TO RAILROAD BROTHERHOODS

EXCESSIVE PROFITS IN SNOW REMOVAL FIGURED BY CHIEF Latest Statement Reveals New Phase in Alleged 100 Per Cent Gains in Street Cleaning

ASSERTS \$1882 A DAY LOST ON FALSE CAPACITY WAGONS He Finds 34 of 54 Vehicles Overrated as to Loads. Stands by Disclosures

By GEORGE NOX McCAIN Donald M. Hephurn, chief of the bureau of street cleaning in Director Winston's department of Public Works, has been lifted the lid of a Pandora's Box when he announced through the EVENING PUBLIC LEDGER Wednesday that the city could do its own street cleaning on the basis of the present prices paid to contractors and save \$1,000,000.

Protests from the street-cleaning and ash and rubbish contractors have since poured in. This was perhaps to be expected, but Chief Hephurn remains not only unperturbed, but produces fresh figures to substantiate his original statement.

"So there may be no misunderstanding on the part of any street-cleaning contractor, I re-affirm the statement that on the basis of present contract prices for street cleaning I would undertake to do the work and save the city \$1,000,000," said Chief Hephurn.

Refutes Contractor's Statement "One contractor, I observe, asserts in a public statement that I had figured only the men on the streets. His statement is not borne out by the facts. I included all equipment and gangs used by the different contractors in actual work, and in making this declaration, which included all items, the figures to date show 100 per cent profit for the contractors.

"If this particular individual or any other street-cleaning and ash and rubbish contractor so desires, I will be glad for him to bring his books and I will go over them with him and if I find that his profits are not excessive I will guarantee to see that the fact gets as wide publicity as those already published.

"The statement of a contractor that I figured \$324 a day as his expenses for hauling ashes is misleading and is not a fact. Street cleaning and ash and rubbish collection are two absolutely separate and distinct items, and as this contractor must know, are so specified in every contract. My previous statement and figures were confined solely to street cleaning. In no manner whatever did they refer or relate to ash and rubbish collection, which I have not yet completely investigated.

Leap in Street-Cleaning Cost Is Shown by Contract Tables

Table with columns: District, Contractors, Street Cleaning, Ashes and Rubbish, Total. Figures for 1919 and 1920.

DISABLED VESSEL APPEALS FOR AID With Engines Dead Steamer William Webb Is Drifting Toward N. J. Shore

The United States shipping board steamer William Webb, which left this port for New York on Wednesday, is in a perilous position off Tucker's Beach, N. J.

The engine is broken, the boilers are out of commission and the wireless message from the captain of the craft reports that he believes the ship is drifting toward shore despite the anchor which he succeeded in dropping.

A heavy sea, according to two S. O. S. appeals received, adds to the perils of the disabled ship. The Webb was built at Chester for the shipping board. The present trip is its maiden voyage.

Send Second Appeal The call toll of the breakdown of the engine and the disablement of the boilers. The sea was getting rough at that time, according to the message.

SPROUL BOOM INDORSED Republicans From Five Counties Urge Governor as President

BOY STEALS AUTO AT REVOLVER POINT, CAUGHT AFTER RACE

High School Student Brandyshes 45-Caliber Automatic and Driver Turns Over Car

YOUTHFUL BANDIT USES FATHER'S SERVICE GUN Inability to Handle Machine Results in Arrest After Chase in Broad Street

Brandyshing a 45-caliber revolver, which his father carried on the battlefield of France, Edmond D'Arcy, fifteen-year-old high school boy, gained possession of a motor car in true bandit fashion late last night, according to the police, only to be captured after a race by a pursuing taxi.

New Little of Automobile "Gimme that car or your life," D'Arcy is said to have demanded of Noble, just after the latter had climbed into his car in front of his store after closing this last night, and had started the machine. Noble surrendered.

Wanted to Join Navy "Ever since we moved here from Chillicothe, O., Edmond has been going out in the evenings, we thought to study his lessons, the soldier-father objected to the idea until he was told that the Southern High School is to join the navy. I discouraged the plan, and he agreed to continue in school.

FINED AS DISEASE CARRIER Nurse With Measles Accused of Exposing Herself Here

At the request of Director Furbush, Chief Medical Inspector Cairns swore out a warrant for Eleanor M. Carr, a nurse in the Vineland Home for the Feeble-Minded, on a charge of having violated the law prohibiting persons afflicted with contagious diseases from exposing themselves in public.



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ASK ROOT TO HELP PLAN WORLD COURT League Council Requests American to Serve on Constitution Committee

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Other members invited to serve on the committee are: Baron Dechaumey, of Belgium, a member of the Hague court of arbitration; Luis M. Drago, former Argentine minister of foreign affairs; Prof. Charles Tomasevic, of the University of Zagreb; Henri Fomageot, a prominent French advocate; Professor Gram, of the University of Christiania, Norway; Doctor Loewner, of Holland; Baron Phillimore, former lord justice of appeal in England; Dr. Milesko R. Ventic, Serbian minister to France; and Dr. Rafael Altamira, a prominent lawyer of Madrid, and Clovis Bevilacqua, of Brazil.

THE HAGUE, Feb. 13.—(By A. P.)—Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Switzerland and Holland will be represented at the conference, which opens at the Hague today, for the purpose of discussing the formation of an international court of justice.

EXPLOSION IN CHESTNUT ST. All the unshovel covers on Chestnut street between Third and Fourth streets were lifted off this morning by the force of an explosion in a gas pocket in the conduits at Third and Chestnut streets, a fire resulted. The firemen were unable to extinguish the blaze until the gas burned away.

KRAUSE WILL GET HEARING MONDAY BY COUNTY BOARD

Court Records of Cause for Cancellation of Saloon License Will Be Examined

Commissioner Holmes Says Officials Did Not Know That He Ever Owned Saloon

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ADA HUFF FAILS TO GAIN RELEASE Ada Huff, held for carrying away eighteen-month-old Genevieve Leonard, 918 North Cambrey street, failed to secure her release on bail this morning because her attorney neglected to comply with a rule of the court in asking for a writ of habeas corpus.

ADMIRAL AT NAVY YARD COMPLAINS AGAINST P. R. T. Admiral Charles F. Hughes, commandant of the Philadelphia Navy Yard, appeared before the Public Service Commission today in City Hall and complained against the service of the Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company to League Island.

NAME TO GO TO SENATE TO LAUNCH 86TH SHIP Appointment of McAvoy as U. S. Attorney Here to Be Acted On

GOVERNOR'S GRANDDAUGHTER WILL CHRISTEN VESSEL TOMORROW

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